



PATENT

Docket No. BOC919990075 (1963-7376)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Willner et al. :  
Serial No.: 09/593,076 : Group Art Unit: 2828  
Filed: June 13, 2000 : Examiner: A. Rodriguez  
For: A LASER SYSTEM AND METHOD OF OPERATION HAVING IMPROVED  
SIGNAL CONTINUITY AND SAFETY

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.142**

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Sir:

In the Office Action of December 17, 2003, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 2, 3, 7-20, 22, 23, drawn to a laser device, classified in class 372, subclass 38.1.

Group II: Claim 21, drawn to laser surgery, classified in class 606, subclass 5.

In order to comply with the requirements of restriction practice, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the prosecution of Group I, claims 2, 3, 7-20, 22, 23, in response to the Restriction Requirement issued December 17, 2003. Applicants' reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claim.

No fees are believed necessary in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments which may be required for this paper to Deposit Account No.09-0452, Order No.BC9-19990075 (1963-7376). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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